

Letter to Alexander Graham Bell, July 17, 1914

July 17, 1914. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, Victoria County, Nova Scotia, Canada. Dear Dr. Bell:—

Bell et al. v. Myers — Intf. N o 34,455.

We have yours of the 8th inst., and have also received from Mr. C. J. Bell a check in settlement of our bill dated July 1st, 1914.

This interference has not yet been disposed of. The last active step that we took in the matter was to secure permission to inspect the Myers application which was filed January 29, 1897.

About that time, it was indicated by the Patent Office that —

“New times will be fixed after the junior party shall have seen the earlier Myers application, or the certified copy thereof, as the case may be.”

These times for taking testimony have not yet been fixed and, in view of your absence from the country, we have not approached the Patent Office to have them fix these times. We thought that you would probably prefer to wait until your return to this city in the Fall before giving your deposition. If you will return to the U. S. before the Fall and desire to have the matter of taking the testimony in this case proceeded with and disposed of, we shall be pleased to do as you desire. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we shall take no steps before the Patent Office to have definite dates fixed for the taking of testimony in this case. It may be that, in the near future, the Patent Office may on its own motion, or on motion of Myers, fix definite dates for the taking of testimony in this case. If this should take place, we shall of course promptly advise you.

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Sincerely yours, K-IW